

Sample Itinerary

Luther Tour 1 (8 days)

Eisenach – Stolberg – Erfurt – Eisleben – Wittenberg –
Leipzig – Coburg – Nuremberg (Nürnberg)



DAY 1 **USA – Frankfurt**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Frankfurt – Eisenach**

Arrival at Frankfurt Airport

Transfer to Eisenach – 124 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

DAY 2
Cont'd **Eisenach**

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Wartburg Castle (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Luther House
- Bach Family House and Museum
- Old Town
- Automobile Museum
- Reuter Wagner Museum
- Nikolai Church and Nikolai Gate

Eisenach – Since its founding in the 12th century, Eisenach has made an unmistakable mark on German culture and history. The Wartburg Castle, sitting majestically overlooking the forests of Thuringia, has witnessed 900 years of history and culture. Martin Luther hid in the castle in 1521-22, during which time he translated the New Testament from Greek into German. The Luther memorials have been lovingly preserved. Set in the gently rolling hills of the Thüringen Forest, Eisenach is home to a beautiful medieval center, and the Bach House with a fascinating collection of historic musical instruments.



Wartburg Castle

Dinner

Overnight in Eisenach

DAY 3 **Eisenach – Stolberg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Stolberg in the Harz Forest – 71 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 3
Cont'd**

Stolberg – Erfurt

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Places of Interest:

- Stolberg Castle
- Town Hall
- St. Martini Church
- Saiger tower

Stolberg – A beautiful little town in the Harz Forest with Renaissance style half-timbered houses and the Stolberg Castle on a hill next to the old town. Martin Luther visited the town in 1525 to preach in the gothic St. Martini Church against the peasant uprising. On a hill side southwest of the town visitors will find the Lutherbuche beech tree, a Luther memorial.



Stolberg Castle

Lunch

Transfer to Erfurt – 59 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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DAY 3
Cont'd

Erfurt

Places of Interest:

- Cathedral
- Augustinian Monastery
- Luther Memorial
- Franciscan Church
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- St. Severi Church
- Merchant's Bridge
- Medieval Old Town

Erfurt – Thuringia's largest city. It has one of the best-preserved medieval town centers in Germany, a delightful blend of wealthy patrician townhouses and fine half-timbered buildings. One of Erfurt's most distinctive sights is the remarkable Merchants' Bridge, the longest bridge in Europe to have houses along its entire length. Luther studied and taught in the Augustinian Abbey as a monk from 1505-1511, and the town is of supreme importance in regards to the reformer's life and work.



Erfurt Cathedral and St. Severi Church

Dinner

Overnight in Erfurt

DAY 4

Erfurt – Eisleben

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Eisleben – 64 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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DAY 4
Cont'd **Eisleben – Wittenberg**

Places of Interest:

- St. Petri-Pauli Church
- St. Annen Church
- St. Andreas Church
- Old Town
- Old Town Hall
- Market Square
- Luther's Birth House (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Luther's Death House (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Eisleben – the city is famous as the hometown of Martin Luther, the official name is Lutherstadt Eisleben. Luther was born here in 1483 and also died here in 1546. The city is divided into old and new towns, the latter of which was created for miners in the 14th century. Eisleben has a sizeable Old Town which dates to the 10th century and is dotted with historic churches, some of which were visited by Luther.



Luther's birthplace

Lunch

Transfer to Wittenberg – 69 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Wittenberg

DAY 5 **Wittenberg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

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DAY 5
Cont'd **Wittenberg – Leipzig**

Places of Interest:

- “Augustine” Monastery
- Luther Hall
- Luther House
- Melonchton House
- Town Church with Lucas Cranach Alter
- All Saints Castle Church

Wittenberg – It is best known as the place where Luther did most of his work, and you will feel his presence everywhere. Luther launched the Reformation in Wittenberg, an act of the greatest importance in Europe. Visit the All Saints Castle Church on whose door Luther hung his 96 theses in 1517 upon, and where Luther and Melanchton are buried.



Town square

Lunch

Transfer to Leipzig – 44 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Leipzig

DAY 6 **Leipzig**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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DAY 6
Cont'd **Leipzig – Coburg**

Places of Interest:

- St. Thomas Church with Bach's tomb
- St. Nicholas Church
- Luther House
- Luther Hall
- Old City Hall
- Former German Supreme Court
- Mendelssohn House
- Mädler Passage
- Monument of the Battle of the Nations
- Stasi-Museum in the "Round Corner"
- Grassi Museum with Museum of Musical Instruments, Museum of Applied Arts, and Ethnological Museum

Leipzig – The city of Leipzig has been an important influence in European commercial and intellectual life for centuries, and its sights are all part of the Leipzig experience. Historical shopping arcades, lovingly restored, are typical of the architecture in the city centre. Johann Sebastian Bach was choirmaster in St. Thomas's Church, and many other composers spent time in Leipzig. Richard Wagner, Robert Schumann, Mendelssohn-Bartoldy, and the world famous St. Thomas Choir. Today many new artists live in Leipzig where a peaceful demonstration led to the reunification of Germany. In 1519, Luther visited the city and took part in an academic debate – it was here that Luther went from being a critic of the Catholic Church, to a resolute "reformer."



Old Town Hall



St. Nicholas Church

Lunch

Transfer to Coburg – 138 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Coburg

DAY 7 **Coburg – Nuremberg (Nürnberg)**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Veste Coburg Fortress
- Ehrenburg Castle with Library
- Rosenau Castle
- Callenberg Castle
- Mint Master's house
- St. Moritz Church
- St. Augustine Church
- Market Square
- Castle Square

Coburg – The Veste Coburg is a fortress and it is visible from afar. It served as a Refuge for Martin Luther. In the old town at the base of the castle hill, the Ehrenburg Palace (a former Franciscan Monastery), was rebuilt in 1543. It was gutted by fire in 1690 and rebuilt in a Baroque style.



Ehrenburg Palace

Lunch

Transfer to Nuremberg – 70 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in



DAY 7
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Nuremberg

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Places of Interest:

- old walled city with crafts shops and gothic churches
- Lutheran Lorenz Church
- Kaiserburg Castle
- Church of St. Sebaldus
- Albrecht Durer House
- Renaissance Town hall
- Toy Museum
- Germanic National Museum
- Dokumentationszentrum Reichsparteitagsgelände, Information Center about Nürnberg's history in Nazi times
- Christmas Market (December)

Nuremberg – Visitors to Nuremberg, a lively city with a medieval feel, will find evidence of its 950-year old history at every turn. Thick walls with 80 towers enclose the historical old quarter, where beautiful works of art in the Gothic churches bear testament to the city's heyday – not to mention the impressive Kaiserburg Castle above the city. In 1525, Nuremberg accepted the Protestant Reformation, and in 1532, the Peace of Nuremberg by which the Lutherans gained important concessions, was signed here.



Henkersteg Bridge

Dinner

Overnight in Nuremberg

DAY 8 **Nuremberg – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Nuremberg Airport

Departure to the USA